MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA KEYS

2018 FEDERAL NEEDS AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



1. HURRICANE IRMA - FEMA REIMBURSEMENT

- Monroe County Board of County Commissioners has incurred the following hurricane-related expenses:
 - o \$20M in hurricane emergency protective measures;
 - o \$25M in land debris removal;
 - o Expect \$52M in marine debris removal.
- Local resources are exhausted. Took out a \$40M line of credit. NO FEMA reimbursement yet.
- Please provide advocacy with FEMA to <u>expedite reimbursement</u> requests for Category A and Category B expenses.

2. HURRICANE IRMA - MARINE DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM FEDERALLY PROTECTED WATERS

- About 500 canals impacted with approximately 100,000 cubic yards of C&D and vegetative debris.
- Estimated cost \$ 52M.
- Please support Monroe County's applications for NRCS and NOAA disaster funds for Monroe's marine clean up.

3. HURRICANE IRMA - REBUILDING A RESILIENT HOUSING STOCK

- <u>4,156 homes were destroyed</u> or significantly damaged. An additional <u>5,391 homes were damaged</u>. Combined, this is 20% of our housing stock.
- <u>9,870 families were/are displaced</u>, ie, receiving FEMA rental assistance, direct housing (trailers), transitional sheltering assistance (hotels), or direct lease assistance
- We plan to maximize and leverage <u>federal disaster funding to Florida</u> <u>Keys to rebuild a more resilient housing stock</u> adapted for coastal flooding and storm surge, to reduce future storm-related public and private losses.

4. HURRICANE IRMA - PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY

- Monroe County is ranked <u>third highest in the country for impacts of tidal flooding</u>. The elevation of most of the Keys is about 4ft. above sea level.
- Monroe County's <u>GreenKeys! Plan</u> is our blueprint for more hardened and resilient built environment.
- We plan to maximize and leverage funding from the disaster supplemental to respond to Irma's impacts, but also to <u>build more resilient</u> transportation infrastructure, utility infrastructure, and county facilities.

5. OTHER FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- Protection of the <u>National Flood Insurance Program's</u> affordability, accessibility, and mitigation funding.
- Federal funding for PILT, FKWQIP, and Everglades Restoration.









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